

Fanwood Children's Library to Reopen!



After a long and active summer, the lower level of the library should be reopened by mid-September. The Children's Department will be completely renovated with the combined support of the Borough, the Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. The water, mold, and asbestos issues will have been remediated. In addition, there will be new, more efficient lighting and HVAC systems as well as all new shelving, furniture, and a great new layout. We are looking forward to the reopening

so that we can serve everyone more effectively.

Our mascot guinea pigs are still be with us. Please make sure to come by to see our great new space and say "hi" to Brownie and Butterscotch!

Please take advantage of the Museum Pass Program, which allows patrons to borrow museum passes at no charge or for a highly discounted rate. This program, which is jointly sponsored by the Friends groups of both the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries, is about to enter its second year. Check out the website at www.thejointlibrary.org/museumpass/ for more information.

Finally, we will be making some upgrades to our online public catalog sometime in the fall. There will be a new look; the system will allow patrons to create lists and reviews, and share ratings and more.



16th Annual Fanny Wood Day

The 16th annual Fanny Wood Day will be held on Sunday, October 2nd starting at 11:00 AM. and ending at 5:00 PM. Once again this annual street fair and community event will be held along the length of Martine

and South Avenues in downtown Fanwood.

The festivities include plenty of food and craft vendors, as well as live musical entertainment provided by the School of Rock and a featured performance by the Scotch Plains – Fanwood High School Cabaret Troupe. The special children's area will again feature an array of fun things for kids to do at an all day rate of \$10/ person. Included are Bounce 'n Slide, Trackless Train, Moonwalk, Jurassic Survivor and Mutiny on the Bounty. Balloon clowns, live entertainment, and loads of contests will all be a part of the day's fun.

This year's contests will lead off with the first "Foto's of Fanwood" in which we will unveil the many entries submitted that capture the "people, places and things" that best represent Fanwood. The deadline for submitting photos is September 23rd so don't delay. We will again feature two established contests, the annual Ice Cream Eating contest sponsored by Double Dipper and the

2nd Annual Fanwood 5K & Family Fun Run!



Following up on 2010's success, this year's Fanwood 5K Race and Family Fun Run is set for Sunday, October 23rd, 2011. Last year, over 550 individuals and families participated in

the event. The day's activities begin at 9 AM with the Family Fun Run in LaGrande Park; the 5K Race follows at 9:30 AM. Music and refreshments will await runners at the finish line in LaGrande Park. The race is fully sanctioned by the United States America Track and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500 point race.

The Fanwood 5K and Family Fun is presented by the Fanwood Recreation

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From the Desk of Chief Trigo

With school opening shortly, the Fanwood Police would like to offer some pedestrian safety tips to children and adults.

Parents should be aware that even the most cautious children can forget the rules of safety when they're caught up in the excitement of a new school year. Going over a few of the most important back-to-school safety tips with your children will help ensure their safety.

Please remind children of the basics of crossing the street: look to the right, then to the left and then to the right again, and only cross when there are no cars approaching from either direction. If children are crossing at an intersection, it is important that they watch for cars making right turns. Children should always walk with at least one other child and avoid such dangers as yards with unsecured dogs or holes in the sidewalk.

Crossing the street safely is also important for children who ride bicycles to school. Explain to your children that they must pay special attention to their surroundings and ride their bikes as far as possible to the right side of the road to avoid contact with cars. Make sure your children stop when approaching a driveway to avoid a possible collision with a vehicle. Explain that it might not be easy for someone backing out of a driveway to see a child on a bicycle. Helmets should always be worn to prevent head injuries that can occur if your child is thrown from the bicycle.

I encourage everyone to visit the police department's website at www.fanwoodpolice.org to view our safety tips for pedestrians and drivers.

In closing, I want to thank the community for their support for our National Night Out event on August 2nd. The event was attended by hundreds of people and enjoyed by all. The purpose of National Night Out is to create a partnership between the police and the community. I am confident that we accomplished this goal and will continue to foster these positive relationships. I would be remiss if I did not thank the following organizations for their support, dedication and volunteerism in making this event a success: Fanwood PBA, Fanwood Fire Department, Fanwood Rescue Squad, Fanwood CERT, Fanwood Recreation, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee and the many Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students and alumni who assisted. The outpouring of support from all of the above is what makes Fanwood a great place to live, work and visit.

Alternative Schools

Students entering 8th grade at Terrill Middle School and



Park Middle School have the option of attending Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School or applying to one of the county high schools located at 1776 Raritan Road

in Scotch Plains. The Schools of UCVTS (Union County Vocational-Technical Schools) have a rigorous application process and are open to residents of each of Union County's 21 municipalities, including Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Applications must include transcripts from Grade 7, as well as the first marking period of Grade 8, standardized test scores and completion of an entrance exam.

The five high schools are:

- Magnet High School
- Academy For Information Technology (AIT)

- Academy for Allied Health
- Union County Tech
- Academy For Performing Arts

Admission to The Academy For Performing Arts will also require auditions.

Information sessions, including tours of the schools, will take place on:

- Saturday, September 24th at 9 AM
- Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, October 22nd at 9 AM
- Tuesday November 22nd at 6:30 AM
- Saturday, December 3rd at 9 AM

Attendance at an information session is a mandatory part of the admissions process. For more information, call (908) 889-8288 ext. 201.

Who is this Fanwoodian?



This Fanwoodian, who was born and grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been a resident for 22 years. She and her husband chose Fanwood to raise their son and daughter (who both graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School) because they were impressed with the school district, wanted to be on a train line to New York City and, to live in a town that had tall trees and old houses. Their lovely home is over 100 years old. Even though she has worked in publishing and been a literary researcher for 33 years, our Fanwoodian's enthusiasm for our library continues unabated:

- Membership in the Friends of the Fanwood Library for two decades
- Currently a Vice President on the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees
- Co-Chairman of the annual book sale of the Friends, which last year grossed over \$9,000. All funds benefit the library and its patrons
- Helping the Friends with special events that are open to the community at large

Her contributions to the high school include

- Coordinating a chorus and band trip during her tenure in the Music Boosters
- Helping to organize and design costumes for Repertory Theatre

If you would like to learn the identity of this accomplished neighbor, please turn to page 8.

Lost & Found

Two car keys found on borough property.

Please contact
(908) 322-8236 ext. 0 to retrieve



A Message From Mayor Colleen Mahr

Labor Day is upon us and I'm happy to be leaving behind the record-breaking heat of Summer 2011! As the children return to school I want to send my good wishes for a productive and enjoyable school year. Drivers, let's all be a little more careful on the road as we adjust to sharing the streets

with youngsters trekking to and from school.

Fanwood was pretty quiet over the summer, but there was plenty going on! Contractors have completed the Belvidere Avenue paving, sidewalk and curb job. The Watson Road reconstruction project should be complete by the time you read this. These road reconstruction jobs are funded through state grants, and we are very grateful for these funds that offset the costs to our residents. Borough engineers classify the streets most in need for each new round of grants, so please advise me if you believe your block should be on that list.

Fanwood's Shared Services Committee, comprised of Councilman Russ Huegel, Administrator Eleanor McGovern and myself have conducted several Shared Services meetings with Scotch Plains throughout the summer. Our primary focus is to coordinate our Police and Court services. Both Fanwood Police Chief Trigo & Scotch Plains Police Chief Mahoney are active participants who are supportive of the possibilities. I am very serious about examining a multitude of issues in order to make this happen, including the ultimate structure, governance, council oversight and, of course, cost. Rest assured, I do NOT have a predetermined outcome. Until we know that any consolidated department will be beneficial to Fanwoodians, no decision can be made. As far as I am concerned, safety is paramount. In light of the 2% budget cap, everything must be on the table for discussion. No final decisions will be made without public input.

Thanks to a grant from the County of Union and the willingness of Home Depot to partner with the Fanwood Recycling Center the Recycling Center is now accepting fluorescent light bulbs. This is really a wonderful development. Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and should be recycled. I am very pleased that Fanwood is in the vanguard of this public/private partnership to protect our environment.

By October 1st we expect to have the Children's Library restored to full operation. Given the severity of the spring flood and the general dampness of the room we've stripped it bare, passed environmental testing, removed all old asbestos flooring. We are starting with a clean slate. We've also done drainage work inside and out to prevent further flooding. One can never

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The Friends of The Fanwood Memorial Library Celebrate 25th Anniversary Book Sale

Beginning September 22nd, Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will host their 25th Fall Book Sale. They help to make the library a community focal point and source of cultural activities and events. Residents of Fanwood and surrounding towns can go to the library to use computers, fax documents, watch movies, meet in comfort, read magazines, check out DVDs, and listen to live music. Adults learn about musical theater, New Jersey blueberries, government, historical figures, and literature. Kids enjoy theater workshops and hands-on animal shows and keep their school skills sharp over the summer through many book club activities. One of the most popular programs for both children and adults was learning to play the ukulele. All this is thanks to the Friends.

To join the fun as a helper or for more information, email fanwood@gmail.com or call the library at (908) 322-6400 or Nancy Eisenbarth at (908) 531-6037.

This year's donation dates at Forest Road Park are:

September 15, 16, and 17: 9 AM–3 PM (No donations on Sunday)
 September 19 and 20: 1 PM–7 PM
 September 21: 10 AM–3 PM
 Please look for guidelines for donations coming soon.



25th Anniversary Friends of the Fanwood Library Book Sale dates are:

Thursday, September 22: 3 PM–7 PM: Special Preview for Friends of both Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries; please no scanners, cell phones or dealers today (we welcome dealers on all other dates)
 Friday, September 23: 9 AM–5 PM: Open to the public
 Saturday, September 24: 9 AM – 4 PM: Open to the public
 Sunday, September 25: noon – 4 PM: Bag Day all day, \$5 per bag (bags provided)

Fanwood Recreation Announces Fall Programs for Seniors

Programs begin the week of September 26th and run through the week of December 19th.

Aerobics	Tuesdays, 9:15–10 AM
Tai Chi	Tuesdays, 10:15–11:15 AM
Water Exercise	Wednesdays, 11:30 AM–12:15 PM
Line Dancing	Thursdays, 1–2 PM
Zumba Dancing - New	Fridays, 9–10 AM

All classes will be held in the recreation building at Forest Road Park, except for Water Exercise, which will be held at the JCC of Central NJ Wilf Jewish Community Campus indoor pool in Scotch Plains.

The fee is \$10 per program for Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents, \$25 for all others. To get a schedule and a registration form, please visit www.fanwoodrecreation.org on the web or pick them up at Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 N. Martine Avenue. For more information, call Fanwood Recreation at (908) 370-7092.



News from the Fanwood Recycling Center

Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Recycling Association are pleased to announce a new recycling initiative. The Recycling Center will soon be accepting old light bulbs (i.e. fluorescent, CFL's, tube lighting). Thanks to a \$3,000 recycling grant from the County of Union, as well as a donation from Home Depot, the Association is constructing a safe storage facility and appropriate signage. Initially, this new program will be open to Fanwood residents only. Once the average number of light bulbs received is determined, the Center will expand the service to Scotch Plains and Westfield residents. Mayor Mahr said "For the Association now to be able to recycle fluorescent light bulbs is a boon. The old bulbs contain mercury; very harmful to the environment. This is a good thing for Fanwood."

As a reminder, the Recycling Center accepts items other than the usual glass, plastics, cardboard and paper. This include heavy metals (refrigerators, humidifiers, washers, dryers, AC's, lawn mowers), electronics (computers, printers, TV's, phones) and heavy rigid plastics (patio chairs/tables, outside toys, flower pots, old garbage cans). The Recycling Center suggests that a monetary donation be made when dropping off these types of items. The funds are needed to defray the costs involved in hauling everything to a central dump site.

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be certain that a basement will remain water-free, but the renovations should go a long way towards mitigating any future damage.

Once again kudos to our staff for producing another successful year of summer programs for children. The eight-week program provided well-supervised activities for children ages 5-11 (which my boys thoroughly enjoyed!). This year inaugurated the Tween & Teen program with special daily field trips, another success that we expect to expand on next year. All children's recreation programs continue to be fully self-sustaining.

I want to remind you all to check out the newly-designed borough website at www.fanwoodnj.org. It's a fresher look with easy access. You'll find calendar listings, contact numbers, agendas, minutes and current events, as well as a host of other information. Please check it out! In the same vein, I'd like to once again encourage you to consider signing up for FirstAlert. This program provides an email or text to you for local emergencies or notices. If you are

"Fotos of Fanwood" Exhibit

Friday, September 30th

6:30 PM – 8 PM

Pat Kuran Cultural Arts Center

Mayor Colleen Mahr invites everyone to a special viewing of the "Fotos of Fanwood" that will be on display at the Pat Kuran Cultural Arts Center on Friday, September 30th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. "The first weekend in October is going to be a great time to be in Fanwood," Mayor Mahr said, "A full weekend of fun is planned close to home, so please join us at the Kuran Cultural Arts



Center on Friday night for an exciting display of great Fanwood photos, attend Oktoberfest on Saturday and cap it off with Fanny Wood Day on Sunday!"

Our event sponsors, Unity Bank and PNC Bank, will join the photographers who will be on hand to answer any questions about their work and meet our guests. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to cast their ballot for the People's Choice Award.

Final winners will be announced at on Fanny Wood Day on Sunday, October 2nd at noon.

Photos are still being accepted through September 23rd. Contest rules and submission forms can be found at www.fanwoodnj.org.

interested you can sign up at www.ucfirstalert.com. It's easy.

Finally, you will soon see the construction of Fanwood Crossing underway at the corner of South and Martine. The Checchio Family of Elite Properties have deep ties to our community and are wonderful to work with. Discussions are already underway for two more projects with Elite in the Downtown Redevelopment block. Although interrupted by the financial crisis of 2008, our vision of downtown is coming into focus without the use of eminent domain. We are achieving our goal of utilizing local developers with a vested interest in this community to make the best Fanwood possible.

Please be sure to get in touch with me at (908) 322-8236 ext 124 or mahor@visitfanwood.com if you have any concerns or comments about our hometown. I look forward to seeing you all on Fanny Wood Day!

Fanwood Recreation Fall Children's Programs

Fanwood Recreation announces its schedule of fall programs for children. For more information about all these classes and to register, use the contact information below, go to www.fanwoodrecreation.org or call Fanwood Recreation, (908) 370-7092.



<u>Program</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Fall Into Tennis	9/6	4-adult	bmaloney197@comcast.net
Sports Squirts	9/26	3-5	www.ussportsinstitute.com
Little Bakers Workshop	10/3	4-10	info@thecupcakeexperience.com
Making Magic Club	10/3	5-11	jpiegaro@thehobbyquest.com
Science Exploration Workshop	10/4	4-10	www.smartycatkids.com
Sew What? (sewing)	10/4	9 & up	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Lego & Bionicle Club	10/6	1-5	www.fanwoodrecreation.org
Mannerations Social Etiquette	10/19	5-7, 8-12	mannerations@comcast.net
Mannerations Dining Program	11/12	6-12	mannerations@comcast.net

FANWOOD 5K

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Commission. All proceeds from the event go to the Fanwood Recreation Department, and will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand recreational programs for local residents.

Sponsors for the 5K and Family Run include the Balyasny Foundation, Joint Motion Physical Therapy, Family Investors, The Chelsea, Salon Bella and ARC Electric. The event is still accepting sponsorships. Please visit www.Fanwood5K.org for details on becoming a sponsor.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$20 (\$18 for USATF members). The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10 with a t-shirt and \$5 without. You can download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org.

Come out and be a part of the day by entering the 5K or the Family Fun Run with your children, cheer the runners or volunteer to help. Visit www.Fanwood5K.org or contact Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032 for more information.

Please be aware that roads will be closed along the race route between the hours of 8 AM and 11 AM.

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return of a new and exciting Bubble Gum Blowing Contest.

In the market for a new or exotic car, then come to the train station parking lot and take a sneak peak at over 50 new cars available from local dealers. There will be some special cars on hand that will amaze and overwhelm even the most passionate car buff.

"We encourage everyone to mark October 2nd on their calendars and join us downtown to honor Fanwood's legendary first lady and to celebrate the borough's 116th Birthday," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I am really excited about the many new programs the committee has designed this year, beginning with our first ever Foto Contest. I can't wait to see all those new cars!" the mayor continued.



Anyone interested in being a Fanny Wood Day volunteer, vendor or, wants to learn more can go to our website at www.fanwoodnj.org or call Donna Dolce at (908) 889-6072. Fanny Wood Committee members include: Donna Dolce, Don Wussler, Lou Schults, Mike Schults, Jason Parker, Steven Parker, David Bleckinger, Kristen Dinegar, Lynn Sorf, Clint Dickson, and Council liaison Tony Parenti.

Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

On Monday, October 31st at 5:30 PM, the annual Fanwood and Scotch Plains Halloween Parade and Costume Contest kicks off at the Fanwood Memorial Library parking lot (North and Forest Avenues, Fanwood) with Trunk or Treat, where a slew of surprise treats will await trick-or-treaters. Don't be late—trunks close by 6 PM! Children and adults who want to march in the Parade should assemble in front of the Library by 6 PM. At 6:15 PM the parade will depart from there for LaGrande Park.

Once the parade arrives at LaGrande Park at approximately 6:30 PM, the Costume Contest will begin for children of all ages. Anyone who wants to enter a pumpkin in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest should bring his or her carved creation to the park and fill out an entry form by 6:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best jack-o-lanterns! Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available, and a fun evening in the park is promised to all who come! Presented by the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission.

Fanwood Youth Organization Baseball

Registration for the 2012 spring baseball season will open on September 1st. FYO Baseball, open to residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, is dedicated to providing quality baseball programs and instruction to children from pre-school age to 9th grade. The league also takes pride in offering very reasonable and competitive player registration fees.

Now entering our 51st year, FYO provides nearly 550 players and their families the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of youth baseball in a fun and supportive environment. Highlights of the season include the Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run skills competition that marks Opening Day, the annual league outing to see the Somerset Patriots, league playoffs and all-star games, and the year-end picnic at LaGrande Park. The league also provides opportunities to play competitive spring and summer travel baseball. Don't miss what promises to be another rewarding and exciting season of baseball!

To learn more and register online for the 2012 season, please visit us at: www.fyobaseball.org and click on the registration tab. If you have general questions, please call (908) 325-5050.

Mayor Colleen Mahr and

The Fanwood Arts Council Present

The Fanwood Performance Series 2011 Fall Lineup

7PM Saturday Evenings at the Patricia Kuran Cultural Arts Center

September 10, Singer Songwriters Mark Conklin & John Sontag

October 8, Jazz Night with Joe Traina

November 12, A Cappella Night with
The Accidentals & Olympia's Daughters



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Contributions, comments and volunteers are always welcome!
Please call Pat Hoynes (908) 322-8236 ext 121.

Special Waste Collection

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9 AM - 2 PM

Rahway Park

Accepted Materials:

- Aerosol cans
- Mercury switches
- Antifreeze
- Oil based paints
- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Caustics
- Pool Chemicals
- Corrosives & cleaners
- Solvents/Thinners
- Fire extinguishers
- Thermostats
- Gasoline
- Tires



Apple and Pumpkin Picking

It is that time of the year again where there is a bit of a chill in the air and the apples and pumpkins are perfect for picking! Here is a list of some New Jersey farms that provide apple and pumpkin picking:

- Alstede Farms, 84 Route 513 (Old Route 24), Chester, www.alstedefarms.com. Apple picking is available from August until November with pumpkins available from the middle of September until the middle of November. In addition, Alstede Farms also offers pick your own flowers, pick your own vegetables and hay rides for the whole family to enjoy.
- Hillview Farms, 223 Meyersville Road, Gillette, www.hillviewfarmsnj.com. Apple, pumpkin, and flower picking is available in September and October.
- Melick's Town Farm, (two locations): Cider Mill, 19 King Street, Oldwick and Califon Farm Stand and Orchard, 472 County Road 513, Califon, www.melickstownfarm.com. Apples are available from mid-July through August and pumpkins are available during the fall season. Melick's Town Farm also offers hayrides at both locations.

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Nancy Eisenbarth!

~~~~~ Drive Safely - School is Open! ~~~~~

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